

Minutes
Age Friendly Committee
November 8, 2017

Present: Romaine Turyn, Ann Mitchell, Marjorie Ellis, Marianne Perry, John Moran, Eric Dyer part of the meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 by the Chair Romaine Turyn. The minutes were approved as presented.

Update

John Moran provided an update on transportation services provided by KVCAP in the Town of Mt. Vernon. Transportation is only provided on a pre-scheduled basis for MD appointments and shopping. There is not a bus route as he initially thought.

John is also moving to Portland effective December 1st.

Adaptive Tool Kit

Jane Chandler and Al Cressy from the Age Friendly Community of the Bethel area presented the Tool Kit to about 20 participants at the Senior Café. There was a good sized crowd.

A Tool Kit was displayed at a table the following day at the Town Office, which was Election Day. Over 100 people stopped, to try the tools, chat or just look at the tools. It will be on display at the Town Office until the end of December when it must be returned to Bethel. The Library Board has some interest in the Tool Kit as well. Once a new Librarian is hired, we should have a joint meeting to decide how best or if we should proceed to acquire our own Tool Kit.

Sand Bucket Program

The Sand Bucket Program will continue this year. Efforts are being made to sign up people in advance so buckets can be delivered before a storm. It was decided to take out an ad in the Advertiser and to develop a flyer to be distributed to the Emporium, Weathervane, Post office and Library.

Handy Helper Program

A draft of the Handy Helper brochure was distributed and reviewed by the Committee. The Technical Assistance call arranged by AARP was helpful in moving the program forward and in answering questions the Town and Masons had. The forms and brochure will be redone. Romaine will mail it to Ed Dodge to get some needed information from him.

The need for additional volunteers was discussed. Romaine, Marjorie and Ann agreed to go through the surveys to gather information about who offered to volunteer to do what. They agreed to meet to do this before the next meeting.

Other

Marianne shared information about a program in Farmington offered with their United Way that makes inexpensive Plexiglas to set inside windows for those individuals who are income challenged. More information is needed. The number is 778-5048. Someone will also contact the Kennebec Valley United Way to see if they have a similar program.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Romaine Turyn